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SUBJECT: BUSINESS DISPUTE BETWEEN ECUADOR AND PV INTER-
NATIONAL

REF: STATE 128364

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED NO REPLY TO REFTEL.
2. ON JUNE 1, RICHARD FORSYTHE, PRESIDENT OF PV INTER-
NATIONAL, TELEPHONED COUNTRY OFFICER ALLITTO TO REPORT
THAT HIS BROTHER, JERRY, HAD UNEXPECTEDLY LEFT ECUADOR THE
MORNING OF JUNE 1. RICHARD SAID THAT JERRY HAD DONE SO
ON THE ADVICE OF THEIR ECUADOREAN LAWYER, DR. CAMILO
GALLEGOS (TEL: 238-092), WHO HAD HEARD THAT JERRY WAS
ABOUT TO BE ARRESTED AND THROWN IN JAIL IN AN ALLEGED GOE
EFFORT TO INTIMIDATE THE FORSYTHES.
3. RICHARD CLAIMS THAT THE GOE HAS BREACHED ITS CONTRACT
WITH PV INTERNATIONAL. HE IS THINKING OF SUEING THE GOE,
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AND ASKED ALLITTO FOR HIS RECOMMENDATION. ALLITTO RE-
COMMENDED THAT RICHARD GET ADVICE ON THAT QUESTION FROM
HIS U.S. LAWYERS AND FROM GALLEGOS.

4. THE FORSYTHES WANT TO KNOW WHAT THE USG CAN DO, IF ANY-
THING, TO HELP PV INTERNATIONAL IN THIS DISPUTE. PLEASE
SEND US A STATUS REPORT WITH YOUR SUGGESTIONS BY IMMEDIATE

CABLE SLUGGED FOR ARA/AND/E - J. A. ALLITTO SO THAT THE
CABLE ARRIVES IN THE DEPARTMENT BEFORE 5 PM (EDT) FRIDAY,
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